

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 29, 2019

Members Present: Phil Wedekind and Tom Kolb. Mike Plautz was absent. **Others Present:** Tom Pinion, Administrator Geick, Police Chief Mark Schauf, Fire Chief Kevin Stieve, Attorney Emily Truman, Tony Gilman, Dana Sechler, Brandon Beard, and Dennis Biddick.

Call to Order - Committee Chairman Phil Wedekind called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at Baraboo City Service Center. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. Consideration of proposed amendment to Section 9.09(2) of the Municipal Code regulating Animal Waste – Attorney Truman presented the background for the proposed amendment. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to forward the proposed amendment to Section 9.09(2) as presented to Council with a positive recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Request by Brandon Beard to improve drainage from his property at 611 5th Street – Engineer Pinion presented background for Mr. Beard's request. Beard has lived at this location for over a decade and experiences periodic flooding each year. He said that the most recent 5" rainfall was problematic, flooding both his garage and basement. He said that Beard's yard is the low point on the entire block. Pinion then presented a map showing the topography of the area. Pinion said that there is a potential to regrade it to encourage it; however, he is not convinced that it will solve the problem. He indicated where the catch basin in the middle of the alley and out front were location and said that in theory there is way to pipe it to those, but it will be so flat and a shallow bury that it could be susceptible to freezing. Beard presented photos of the flooding to the Committee. He stated that the sidewalk is too high and there is no way to drain the water from his yard. I is Beard's suggestion to drop the sidewalk two to three inches. He said that he does not feel that he should have to pay for it because it is not his water. Pinion said that typically the sidewalk should be at least the height of the curb, because if it is below that elevation, it will actually come in and go backwards. He said that in situations like this, from his experience where there are issues, there is an opportunity to start the line of gravity and pipe it underground, put in what he would call a septic tank and a sump pump. Pinion said that this is a unique situation; in order to lower the sidewalk it would require tearing out perfecting good sidewalk. He said that on the City's Sidewalk Maintenance Program, if there is a displacement of more than ¾", it is torn out and replaced at City cost. However, where a sidewalk is taken out and replaced for regrading, this is not covered by City policy, which is why he suggested that Beard come to the Committee if he was going to ask for assistance. Pinion said that this would improve the situation; however, there would be some type of disclaimer stating that would state that if Beard were not happy, the City would be done. Beard stated that he understood that. Pinion said that sidewalk is approximately \$8.00 per square foot and asked Beard how many square he was thinking have tearing out and having replaced. Beard stated according to calculations, it would be six. Pinion said that a square of sidewalk is \$200.00; six would be a total of \$1200. Kolb asked about the concrete apron. Pinion said that this it would have to be replaced too; however, this typically something the City would not bear the cost of, unless the City were tearing out the curb and gutter. Beard said that that would create a flat spot if it were not torn out. Pinion asked Beard if he was requesting the City to pay for the apron also. Beard said not necessarily, he would have the same company do it at the same time as the sidewalk. Kolb moved that the City replace up to six squares of sidewalk with a legal disclaimer that the City is no longer responsible after the work is done. Wedekind seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Request by BDAS to eliminate two parking stalls in Municipal Parking lot behind Fire Department – BDAS Director, Dan Sechler presented the background for this request to the Committee. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the elimination of two parking stalls in the Municipal Parking lot behind Fire Department as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Review and Approve transfer of pick-up truck from Police Dept. to Fire Dept. – Chief Kevin Stieve presented background to the Committee. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the transfer of pickup-up truck from Police Dept. to Fire Dept. as requested. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Consider creating an ordinance regulating the use of the City's Yard Waste and Compost Transfer Site – Tony Gilman presented the background for this item to the Committee. He said that Attorney Truman has drafted an ordinance for the Committee's review. Truman explained that there are no current regulations regarding what can be dumped at the Yard Waste site, although people are prohibited from illegally dumping there due to the City's illegal dumping ordinance.

Truman said that if the City wanted to only allow certain things to be left there, like brush and yard waste, the City should adopt an ordinance so that the police can issue citations to people who violate the ordinance. Truman also explained that the City's current illegal dumping ordinance is vague and said that adding additional information about what constitutes illegal dumping would help the CSOs enforce the ordinance. Gilman said that he has had problems with people not using the site properly and wants to see better enforcement and supports the new ordinance. Moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to adopt new ordinance and to amend illegal dumping ordinance was carried unanimously.

- f. Review and approval of monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers for June, 2019 – It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve monthly billing adjustments/credits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items

- a. Consider creating of an ordinance requiring gun shops to have a video surveillance system – Chief Schauf explained that a recent theft at a gun shop in the City has raised a question of whether the City should adopt an ordinance requiring gun shops to have a video surveillance system in place. Attorney Truman added that some states, such as IL, require all gun shops to have a video surveillance system, but wasn't sure if the Council would support such an ordinance so she is looking for feedback from the Committee before drafting something. Ald. Kolb stated that if we are requiring curbside liquor sales to have video surveillance, gun shops should also be required to have video surveillance. Attorney Truman said that based on the feedback from the Committee she would draft a sample ordinance for the next Committee meeting for review.
- b. Alderperson Training: Council Handbook – Postponed to the next Committee meeting as only two Committee members were present.

Reports

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report –
- b. Street Superintendent's Report –
- c. Police Chief's Report –
- d. Fire Chief's Report –

AJOURNMENT – It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to adjourn at 1:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Wedekind, Chairman